

you enriched and livelihood you protected, I thank and wish you a happy retirement as you transition into your next chapter in life.

KATHRYN ELLIOT WILLIAMS

HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 8, 2012

Mrs. ROBY. Mr. Speaker, the strength of a community is derived from leaders who contribute selfless gifts in an effort to benefit others. Service, grace, and support are namely a few of the many gifts and talents one can offer. Those who build on a foundation of service are truly the most valuable and remarkable individuals within our communities.

Kathryn Elliot Williams, my dear childhood friend, was a true servant of her community. All of those who knew Elliot were familiar with her giving nature. From a very young age, Elliot displayed a magnificent sense of eagerness to assist those around her. Described by others as "an inspiration to all," she set forth on a path to enrich others through her talents and gifts. However, a few weeks ago, Elliot lost a courageous battle with ovarian cancer.

She traveled an honorable journey for 36 years. In that time, she touched many lives through teaching, encouraging and serving. Her students, friends, neighbors and members of her church were those who benefited most. Their words describe Elliot the best:

"We honor her as a friend, wife, mother and professional and mostly a leader of Christianity."

"What a wonderful and brave woman,"

"There are so many amazing and wonderful things she accomplished for others,"

"Elliot never wavered when presented with obstacles,"

"A beautiful, kind person, she was truly an amazing woman,"

"Delightful even in the face of adversity,"

"She was honest, earnest and a true friend."

Elliot, a leader in her community and her home, stood as an example for all of those she encountered. Her actions resemble a challenge for each one of us to discover our God-given gifts and share them with everyone around us.

Elliot's husband, son and daughter, and her parents will memorialize a loving wife, mother, and daughter who shared her talents with the world. Elliot's community will remember a gentle and compassionate leader dedicated to the goodwill of others.

I honor Elliot for her ability to provide light, hope, and grace to those surrounding her. She was a community servant who rose to the challenge, lent support, and encouraged others. I thank her for her friendship and I know her life has shepherded future leaders to follow her Christ-centered example of service and goodwill.

HONORING DR. RON L. HOPPING

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 8, 2012

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Dr. Ron L. Hop-

ping of Clear Lake, Texas. At the end of this month, Dr. Hopping will be installed as 91st President of the American Optometric Association (AOA) during their 115th annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois. This is a prestigious and well-deserved title for a man of great determination and success in his career of Optometry.

Dr. Hopping earned his Bachelor's degree from Southern California College of Optometry and completed his Master's degree in Public Health from the University of Texas in 1982. He is also the recipient of the President's Award for Outstanding Service from ten different state presidents and earned the distinction of Texas Optometrist of the Year in 2002. Dr. Hopping also received the Outstanding Faculty Award at the University of Houston, College of Optometry.

Among his many impressive accolades, Dr. Hopping is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry, as well as a Diplomate in Cornea and Contact Lenses. Dr. Hopping has also earned the title of Distinguished Practitioner by the National Academies of Practice in Optometry.

Dr. Hopping held several positions and served on numerous boards, including the American Optometric Association Board of Trustees. He served as a full-time faculty member with the rank of Assistant Professor at the University of Houston, College of Optometry and President of the Texas Optometric Association in 1996. Dr. Hopping also served as chair of the AOA Information and Member Services Group, and on the AOA Communications Group Advisory Committee.

Currently, Dr. Hopping is a member of the AOA Executive, Investment, Agenda and Personnel Committees. His board liaison assignments include the Meetings Center and affiliate associations in Alaska, California, Hawaii, Nevada, and Oregon. Dr. Hopping is also the liaison for the Armed Forces Optometric Society, Southern California College of Optometry and Western University of Health Science College of Optometry.

Dr. Ron L. Hopping distinguishes himself through his many contributions to his profession. His previous achievements and dedication provide the foundation for what I predict will be an extremely successful term as President of the American Optometric Association. It's a privilege to extend a heartfelt congratulation to the 91st President of the American Optometric Association, Dr. Ron L. Hopping. Thank you for enriching the lives of many through your work.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 300TH
ANNIVERSARY OF CHATHAM

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 8, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the founding of Chatham, Massachusetts, a small, quaint town that has long been synonymous with the beauty of Cape Cod.

In 1606, Samuel de Champlain was the first European to traverse the area now known as Chatham. At the time of Champlain's arrival and until William Nickerson purchased land in 1656, the area was inhabited by the

Monomoyick people. In 1664, William Nickerson settled his family in the area and eventually founded the town forty-eight years later on June 11, 1712.

The first 100 years of Chatham's recorded history indicate a struggle to establish a stable population and economy. The French and Indian Wars and the smallpox epidemic of 1760 claimed lives and money from the residents of the new town. After the Revolutionary War, however, fishing exports, whaling, ship building and salt production flourished, fueling the growth of the local economy.

By the late 1800's, the town began to benefit from the growing popularity of seaside vacationing. Wealthy vacationers and summer residents provided the basis for the new economic growth, and the popularity of this seaside haven among vacationers continued to expand throughout the 20th century. By 1950, the summer population of 5,000 greatly outnumbered 2,457 year-round residents.

Present day Chatham has continued its expansion and popularity. The small-town charm and pristine coastline have kept generations of vacationers and summer residents coming back each year.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the 300th anniversary of Chatham, Massachusetts. May this beautiful Massachusetts town flourish for many years to come.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT
AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5325) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, at its best, the Energy and Water Appropriations bill sets forth a forward-looking agenda for our national investment in ports and waterways, clean energy development, environmental reclamation, scientific innovation, the responsible management of our nuclear weapons stockpile and our ongoing commitment to nuclear non-proliferation. Unfortunately, in too many places, H.R. 5325 falls short of that forward-looking agenda.

As Ranking Member of the Budget Committee, I fully understand the need to cut federal spending. Indeed, I supported last year's Budget Control Act, which cut about \$1 trillion in federal spending over the next ten years. However, we also need to compete in clean energy, science, innovation and advanced manufacturing—and that is where this legislation misses the mark.

For example, this legislation cuts funding for clean energy and energy efficiency by \$374 million below FY 2012 and \$886 million below the President's request. The budget for the Department of Energy's Office of Science is cut \$64 million below current levels and \$167 million below the President's request. And the Advanced Research Projects Agency, or

ARPA-E—which is doing transformational, potentially game-changing work on behalf of our nation's long term energy security—is provided only \$200 million, which is \$75 million below FY 2012 and \$150 million below the President's request.

Additionally, the underlying bill contains a misguided policy rider blocking the Administration from restoring long-standing Clean Water Act protections for stream and wetlands across the country—and an amendment was adopted during floor debate which will block enforcement of common sense light bulb energy efficiency standards.

Mr. Chair, we can do better. I urge a no vote.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL HERMAN
"HANK" TILLMAN FOR HIS DIS-
TINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 8, 2012

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Herman "Hank" Tillman who passed away on February 19th 2012. Colonel Tillman received 41 citations and medals over a 31 year career of service in our nation's military, making him one of Maryland's most decorated war heroes. He served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Colonel Tillman was born in Baltimore, MD in 1922. He graduated from Baltimore Polytechnic Institute and went on to attend Johns Hopkins University. While enrolled in night classes at Johns Hopkins and working throughout the day in the engineering department at Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, the United States was attacked at Pearl Harbor. Six weeks later, he enlisted.

Colonel Tillman first received his wings in December 1942 as part of the "Pearl Harbor Anniversary Class," and by the age of 20, he was piloting the B-17 Flying Fortress, at the time the world's biggest bomber. In two years, he flew 52 missions many of which were deep behind enemy lines. He made Captain at 21 and shortly after his 23rd birthday he was promoted to Major. He received the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Flying Cross in 1943 for safely landing his plane and crew despite heavy damage from German fire and serious shrapnel injuries to his leg.

After his distinguished service in WWII concluded, Colonel Tillman returned home to his high school sweet heart, Elizabeth Anne Brown. They were married on June 25th, 1944 at Brooklyn Baptist Church. They had three children—Paula, Bruce, and Terri—and Betty left her position with the Coast Guard to care for the kids full-time while Colonel Tillman served abroad.

Colonel Tillman's continued service in the Air Force took him to Korea and Vietnam. He later told the Baltimore Sun, "I was a career person," he says, "As an Air Cadet graduate, I had taken the [officer's] oath. To me, commitment and oaths mean something, just like a marriage oath." In Vietnam he flew 105 combat missions, most of which were in unarmed recon jets through heavily guarded enemy airspace. He received the Silver Star for a reconnaissance flight through heavy anti-

aircraft fire near Mugia Pass that allowed attack planes to pinpoint enemy targets.

Colonel Tillman retired from the Air Force in 1972 after compiling 5,000 hours of flying time and earning 23 medals for bravery. He started a family business in Baltimore called Tillman Tool Company and later retired with his wife Betty to Kent Island, Maryland.

Colonel Tillman led an accomplished and fulfilled life. I would like to take this moment to thank him for his service to the United States, and to pass along my condolences to his proud family. Although we can never repay the debt our nation owes Colonel Tillman and other veterans like him, their sacrifices will always be remembered.

IN HONOR OF MARION OSHER
SANDLER

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 8, 2012

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Marion Osher Sandler—a prominent leader, a generous supporter of many humanitarian causes, and a dear friend who died June 1st. Her passing is a great loss to our community and the nation.

Marion Osher was born to immigrant parents who valued both business and philanthropy and encouraged those values in her as well. When Marion married Manhattan lawyer Herb Sandler in 1961, a beautiful family and a lifelong partnership in business and philanthropy was begun.

Marion and Herb together turned a two-branch Oakland savings and loan into Golden West Financial Corporation, with more than 11,000 employees. They ran Golden West for 43 years, she, the marketing and consumer brains of the firm, he the strategist. Marion Sandler was the first and longest serving woman CEO of a Fortune 500 company in the United States.

The Sandler's success enabled them to give back to the community by funding progressive political organizations and non-profits, particularly those that uplift the disadvantaged and underserved, such as Human Rights Watch and the American Civil Liberties Union. They helped found The Center for Responsible Lending, which is devoted to protecting homeowners, The Center for American Progress, and ProPublica, an investigative journalism organization.

Marion and Herb also supported lifesaving medical research, most recently donating \$20 million to the University of California, San Francisco. The Sandler Neurosciences Center will house world leading clinical and research programs such as The Institute of Neurodegenerative Diseases, the UCSF Department of Neurology, the W.M. Keck Foundation Center for Integrative Neuroscience, and the UCSF Memory and Aging Center.

Marion Osher Sandler lived the American dream. With a deep belief in a brighter future, she used her enormous gifts and talents to expand opportunities for all. She leaves behind a phenomenal legacy of service.

Marion had many friends in the United States Congress. I hope it is a comfort to her family, including her beloved husband Herb, her children Susan and James, her grand-

children Leah and Elijah, and her brothers Bernard and Harold Osher, that so many mourn their loss and appreciate Marion's life.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 300TH
ANNIVERSARY OF ABINGTON

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 8, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 300th Anniversary of Abington, Massachusetts, a town that represents the pioneering spirit that helped launch America.

In 1650, the land that would eventually become Abington was purchased from the great leader Massasoit and the Wampanoag tribe. The shoemaking, lumbering and milling trades all helped the town develop in its early days, as colonists forged their way in their new home. As our young nation approached its most difficult trial—the Civil War—Abington became closely associated with the Abolition movement, holding open-air Abolition meetings as early as the 1840s. It also expanded its hold on certain trades. During the Civil War, half of the Union Army's shoes were manufactured in Abington. And the town's contribution to the lumber and milling industries greatly contributed to the Commonwealth's economic development.

The development of the Old Colony Railroad in 1845 connected Abington to Boston, allowing residents to easily commute between the two places. Approximately 25 years later, Abington was divided, with Rockland and Whitman becoming independent towns. Today, with a population of over 15,000 residents, Abington still stands as an important town and a proud suburb of the Commonwealth's capital.

Among its storied history, however, is an even more important fact. The Town of Abington has an unwavering tradition of loyalty with an exceptional record of community service dating back to the Civil War, when residents tried to help better the lives of those who had fled to the Union. The town has also been recognized for its contributions to the Old Colony & Fall River Railroads, which service residents throughout the state.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the town of Abington and the entire Abington community on the celebration of their 300 years of service to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and to the United States. May this beautiful Massachusetts town flourish for many years to come.

HONORING MR. JOHN SAKELLARIS

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 8, 2012

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. John Sakellaris, in recognition of his years of service to both the Greek-American community and to all New Jerseyans. It gives me great pleasure to join with the Federation of Hellenic American Organizations of New Jersey in celebrating his achievements at their annual banquet.